OSMUNDA crispa.

Lin. Sp. Pl. 1522. *Ray Syn.* 126. *Flo. Scot.* 655. *Flo. Ang.* 450.

TAB. VII.

CURLED STONE FERN.

THE root conſiſts of a multitude of ſlender fibres, much entangled with one another, and of a pale brown colour.

Barren firſt leaves from three to nine inches high, approaching in the general figure to an irregular oval; rib waved and green.

Second leaves ſame general ſhape with the firſt, ſix or eight pairs placed alternately, diminiſhing from firſt to laſt; rib waved.

Third leaves ſhaped like the firſt and ſecond, four or five pairs placed alternate.

Lobes of the barren leaves two or three pairs, dented at the extremity with one or two dents, ſo that the lobes themſelves are again lobed, the loweſt pair generally with three, the next pairs with two, and the terminal with three or four of theſe leſſer lobes; whole leaf a bright green.

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